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SUBJ: PERMREPS LUNCHEON, SEPTEMBER 28, 1976

SUMMARY: AT THEIR REGULAR LUNCHEON ON SEPTEMBER 28, NATO PERM-  
REPS DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING:

1. NAC CONSULTATIONS
2. YUGOSLAVIA
3. RHODESIA
4. PORTUGESE ATTITUDE TOWARD SPAIN IN NATO
5. WARSAW PACT INTERFERENCE WITH NATO AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATIONS
6. CHEMICAL WARFARE.

END SUMMARY.

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1. CONSULTATIONS. KILLICK (UK) RAISED THE SUBJECT OF CONSULTATIONS AND SUGGESTED THE PERMREPS CONSIDER HOLDING A MEETING TO MAKE A THOROUGH REVIEW OF EAST/WEST RELATIONS AND OF SOVIET BEHAVIOR AND FOREIGN POLICY IN ITS TOTALITY SOMETIME IN THE FIRST HALF OF NOVEMBER IN PREPARATION FOR THE DECEMBER MINISTRIALS. HE ALSO MENTIONED DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND IN CHINA SINCE THE DEATH OF MAO AS WORTHY SUBJECTS FOR CONSULTATION. HARDY (CANADA), SUPPORTED BY KIRCA (TURKEY), SAID HE THOUGHT THE DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA SHOULD HAVE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY ON THE PERMREPS' CONSULTATIVE AGENDA. HARDY EXPLAINED THAT CANADA AND THE FRG WOULD HAVE SEATS ON THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL IN THE NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND WOULD THEREFORE HAVE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SOUTHERN AFRICAN QUESTIONS. WHILE NO PERMREP OBJECTED TO THE SUGGESTED CONSULTATIONS, NO DECISION WAS REACHED ON EITHER THE TOPICS OR SPECIFIC DATES FOR SUCH CONSULTATIONS.

2. YUGOSLAVIA. SYG LUNS RAISED THE SUBJECT OF YUGOSLAVIA AND SUGGESTED THAT THE PERMREPS DISCUSS YUGOSLAVIA AT A FUTURE MEETING, PERHAPS EARLY IN NOVEMBER. THE AMBASSADOR THEN DREW FULLY ON PARA 3, STATE 239287. PAULS (FRG) SUPPORTED THE NEED FOR AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON YUGOSLAVIA AND THE IDEA THAT THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE PROCEED WITH A STUDY OF YUGOSLAVIA. TINE (FRANCE) AGREED THAT THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE SHOULD STUDY YUGOSLAVIA, BUT WITH FULL AWARENESS OF YUGOSLAV SENSITIVITIES. HE SUGGESTED THAT IF ALLIED GOVERNMENTS WERE TO MAKE STATEMENTS REGARDING THE INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF YUGOSLAVIA, THEY SHOULD COORDINATE SUCH STATEMENTS FIRST WITH THE YUGOSLAVS LEST THE YUGOSLAVS BE PUT IN A DIFFICULT SITUATION BY THE ISSUANCE OF STATEMENTS WHICH COULD GIVE THE WORLD THE IMPRESSION THERE WAS A CRISIS AFOOT. KIRCA SUPPORTED THE FRENCH COMMENT VIGOROUSLY AND SAID THE ALLIES MUST AVOID GIVING THE IMPRESSION THAT YUGOSLAVIA CAN'T DEFEND ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. PAULS AGREED WITH HIS COLLEAGUES' CONCERN FOR THE SENSITIVITIES OF YUGOSLAVIA AND ITS NEIGHBORS, BUT SAID THAT THE ALLIES MUST DO ALL THEY CAN TO WARN THE SOVIETS IN A TIMELY FASHION OF THE IMPORTANCE THE ALLIES ATTACH TO THE INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF YUGOSLAVIA.

3. RHODESIA. KILLICK SAID HE HAD NO INFORMATION TO SHARE WITH  
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THE PERMREPS ON A POSSIBLE RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT BEYOND THAT CONTAINED IN RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER SMITH'S SPEECH. KILLICK STRESSED HIS DESIRE TO AVOID GIVING THE PERMREPS ANY IMPRESSION THAT THE UK HAD GIVEN SOUTHERN RHODESIA ANY GUARANTEE ON LIFTING THE SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA. HE ADDED THAT ONE SHOULD NOT INTERPRET THE SUGGESTED FUND FOR SOUTHERN RHODESIA AS DESIGNED TO HELP WHITES RELOCATE ELSEWHERE, BUT RATHER AS DESIGNED TO KEEP THE WHITES IN RHODESIA. THE

AMBASSADOR SAID THAT ON THE BASIS OF THE STATEMENT BY UNDER-SECRETARY WILLIAM ROGERS HE UNDERSTOOD THAT AFRICAN LEADERS HAD NOT REJECTED THE PLAN FOR RHODESIA, AND THA THE MATTER WAS STILL ON TRACK. THE PERMREPS AND LUNS AGREED TO DISCUSS RHODESIA INFORMALLY ON NOVEMBER 2 OR 9.

4. SPAIN. DE FREITAS-CRUZ (PORTUGAL), ON THE BASIS OF CON-VERSATIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FERREIRA, SAID THAT PORTUGAL'S POSITION ON THE ADMISSION OF SPAIN TO NATO HAD COOLED SOMEWHAT. HE EXPLAINED THAT PORTUGAL STILL FAVORED BRINGING SPAIN INTO NATO, BUT NOT "TOO SOON". COMMENT: THIS COULD HAVE BEEN THE RESULT OF PORTUGUESE OVERREACTION TO THE US SUGGESTIONS FOR BILATERAL COOPERATION WITH SPAIN IN NATO-RELATED AREAS (USNATO 4238). WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY LISBON COMMENTS. END COMMENT.

5. WARSAW PACT INTERFERENCE WITH NATO AIRCRAFT. THE AM-BASSADOR RECALLED TO PERMREPS REPORTS OF RECENT JAMMING OF VOICE AND NAVIGATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS OF NATO AIRCRAFT DURING A RECENT EXERCISE, AND ASKED LUNS IF HE WOULD HAVE THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES LOOK INTO IT.

6. CHEMICAL WARFARE. SYG LUNS ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS SCHEDULING THE MEETING OF PERMREPS PLUS ONE ON CHEMICAL WARFARE IN HIS PRIVATE OFFICE ON OCTOBER 6 (USNATO 4612). STRAUSZ-HUPE

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